

The Second Annual Best Workplaces for CommutersSM *"Race to Excellence"*

Ready...Set....Go!

EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters is excited to announce the second annual Race to Excellence. The Race is a national challenge that encourages and recognizes dedicated professionals who promote commuter benefits, transportation choices, and their Best Workplaces for Commuters designation in their workplaces or local communities.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be presented at this year's Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference taking place this August in Boston (you need not be present to win). In addition, a "Best of" award will be presented to Employer Representatives or Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) from universities, FORTUNE 500 companies, and Districts who have earned the Best Workplaces for Commuters designation.

To win an award, you'll be asked to complete a variety of activities, many of which you may already be doing. Please visit the Race to Excellence website at: < <http://www.bwc.gov/racetoexcellence/index.htm> > for more information. Please visit the Toolkit for Employers for samples and other resources to help you with these activities at:

< <http://www.bwc.gov/empkit/kit.htm> >

Dates to remember for this year's race are -

- Race concludes June 1, 2006.
- Qualifying activities must be completed between August 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006. Activities completed prior to Aug. 1, 2005 do not qualify.
- Applications and supporting materials must be received by EPA by June 9, 2006.

Last year awards were presented to 26 ETCs. Many of the 2005 winners told us that this award provided them additional recognition from their management, and some were able to leverage their awards to place articles in their local media.

Join us for the 2006 Race to Excellence!

**ETC Winners
who attended
the 2005 ACT
Conference,
Disneyland**



Special Guest

Welcome 21 new Best Workplaces for Commuters
in December, 2005 and January, 2006, covering 25,518 employees

Industry	Employer	City	State
Colleges & Universities	University of California, Irvine	Irvine	CA
	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville	TN
	Grand Valley State University	Grand Rapids	MI
	National College of Naturopathic Medicine	Portland	OR
Computer Software & Internet	P2 Energy Solutions	Houston	TX
Consulting, Employment & Business Serv.	Ecology & Environment, Inc	Lancaster	NY
Energy Distribution & Utilities	PFC Energy	Houston	TX
Engineering, Construction & Architecture	Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM)	Cambridge	MA
Government, City & County	City of Garden Grove	Garden Grove	CA
	City of Charlottesville	Charlottesville	VA
Government, Regional & Planning	Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission	Knoxville	TN
Hospitals & Health Services	Meriter Health Services	Madison	WI
Legal	Porter & Hedges, LLP	Houston	TX
	Buchanan Ingersoll PC	Miami	FL
	Andrews Kurth, LLP	Houston	TX
Manufacturing (except computer)	Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc.	Houston	TX
	Cooper Industries	Houston	TX
Nonprofit Organizations & Associations	Charlee of Dade County	Miami	FL
	Bonneville Environmental Foundation	Portland	OR
Transportation Demand Management	Central Indiana Commuter Services	Indianapolis	IN
Other Products & Services	Analytics, Inc.	New Haven	CT

Total Employers Recognized: 1,492
Total Employees Covered: 2,920,688

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